5. The computing device as recited in claim 3 wherein the light source includes a plurality of light emitting diodes.

6. The computing device as recited in claim 5 wherein each of the light emitting diodes generate the same color of light.

7. The computing device as recited in claim 5 wherein each of the light emitting diodes generate individually different colors of light.

8. The computing device as recited in claim 7 wherein the light emitting diodes cooperate to produce a light effect having a single color.

9. The computing device as recited in claim 7 wherein the light emitting diodes cooperate to produce a light effect having a plurality of colors.

10. The computing device as recited in claim 5 wherein the plurality of light emitting diodes are integrated into a light emitting diode array.

11. The computing device as recited in claim 10 wherein the light emitting diode array includes a blue, red and green light emitting diode.

12. The computing device as recited in claim 3 wherein the light illuminates an inner surface of the housing wall to effect an appearance change in an outer surface of the housing wall.

13. The computing device as recited in claim 3 wherein the light illuminates an inner edge of the housing wall to effect an appearance change in an outer edge of the housing wall.

14. The computing device as recited in claim 3 further including a shaped wall disposed between the light source and the housing wall, and wherein the light from the light source illuminates an inner surface of the shaped wall to produce a shaped light effect at an outer surface of the shaped wall.

15. The computing device as recited in claim 3 further including a light pipe for distributing the light to locations within the illuminable housing.

16. The computing device as recited in claim 3 further including a light guide for focussing the light generated by the light source.

17. The computing device as recited in claim 3 further including a lens for focussing the light generated by the light source.

18. The computing device as recited in claim 3 further including a reflector for redirecting the light to locations within the illuminable housing.

19. The computing device as recited in claim 3 wherein the light emitting device further comprises a light source controller in communication with the light source, said light source controller being configured to process light commands to produce the light in a controlled manner via the light source.

20. The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the housing wall is capable of producing a characteristic glow at the outer periphery of the housing wall when the light is transmitted through the housing wall.

21. The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the housing is configured to enclose internal components associated with the operation of the computing device.

22. The computer system as recited in claim 21 wherein the illuminable housing is configured to cover and protect the internal components.

23. The computing device as recited in claim 21 wherein the internal components comprise a processor.

24. The computing device as recited in claim 21 wherein the internal components comprise a display controller, input controller or output controller.

25. The computing device as recited in claim 21 wherein the internal components comprise a display that is distinctly separate from the light emitting device.

26. The computing device as recited in claim 21 wherein the internal components comprise an input or output device.

27. The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the light effect is static.

28. The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the light effect is dynamic.

29. The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the computing device is a general purpose computer.

30. The computing device as recited in claim 29 wherein the general purpose computer is a desktop computer.

31. The computing device as recited in claim 29 wherein the general purpose computer is a laptop computer.

32. A computer system having a housing for enclosing at least one component of the computer system, the housing having a light passing wall, the computer system comprising:

a light source disposed inside the housing, the light source being configured to generate light; and

a light controller operatively coupled to the light source, the light source controller being configured to control the light source so as to illuminate at least a portion of the light passing wall of the housing with the light generated by the light source.

33. The computer system as recited in claim 32 wherein the light source is dedicated to illuminating the light passing wall.

34. The computer system as recited in claim 32 wherein the light source is not a display.

35. The computer system as recited in claim 32 wherein the light source controller is disposed inside the housing.

36. The computer system as recited in claim 32 further comprising a processor configured to carry out operations associated with the computer system, the processor being operatively coupled to the light source controller.

37. The computer system as recited in claim 36 wherein the processor is disposed inside the housing.

38. The computer system as recited in claim 32 further comprising:

a display; and

a display controller configured to process display commands to produce text or graphics on the display.

39. The computer system as recited in claim 38 wherein the display is disposed inside the housing.

40. The computer system as recited in claim 38 wherein the display controller is disposed inside the housing.

41. The computer system as recited in claim 32 further comprising:

an input/output controller configured to control interactions with one or more input/output devices that can be operatively coupled to the computer system.

42. The computer system as recited in claim 41 wherein the input/output controller is disposed inside the housing.

43. The computer system as recited in claim 32 further comprising: